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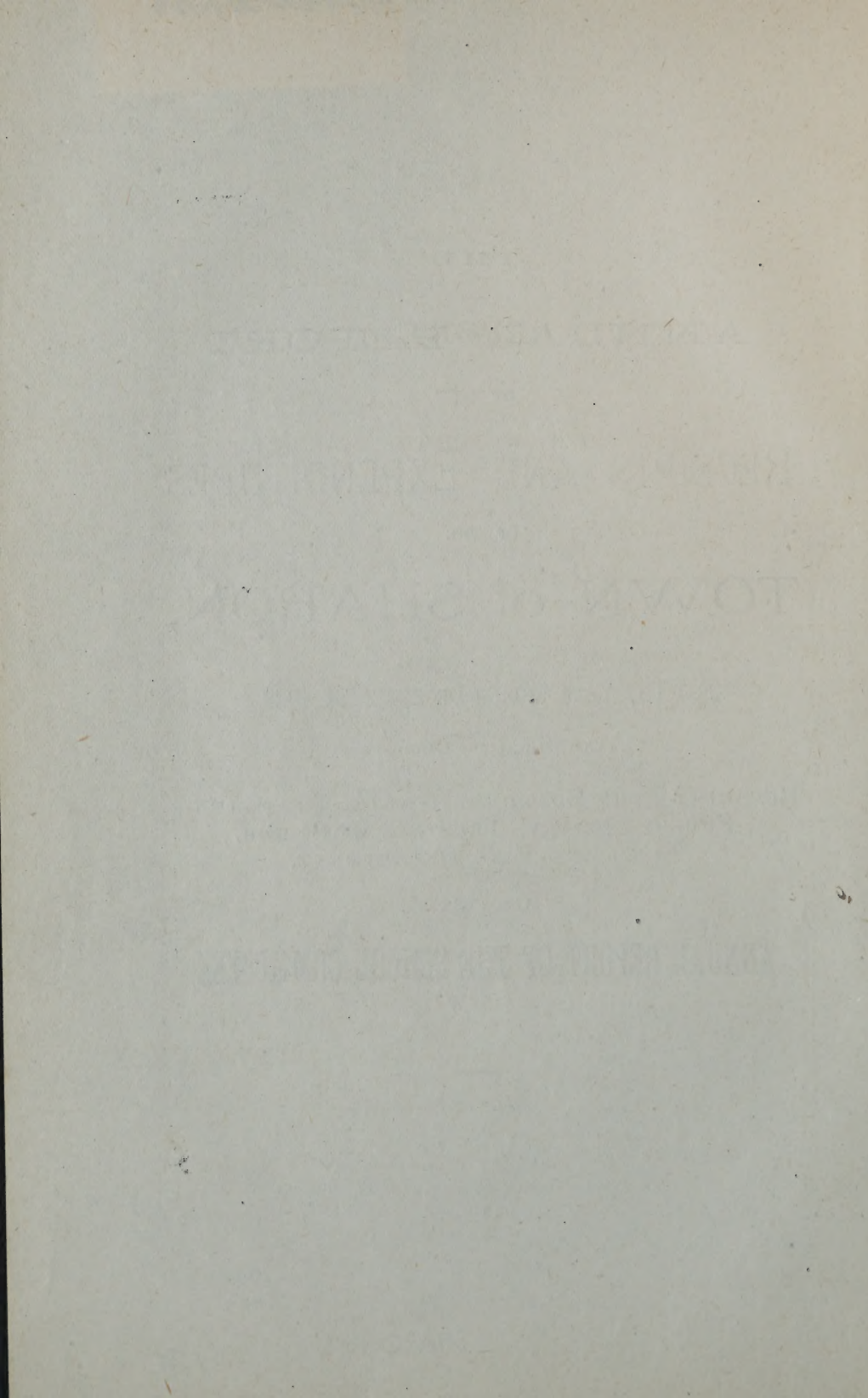


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REPORT.

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500.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

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<i>1400.</i>	For support of town's poor,	\$1,400 00
<i>900.</i>	" town officers,	900 00
<i>2800</i>	" support of schools,	2,800 00
<i>250</i>	" school books and supplies,	250 00
<i>300.</i>	" repairs of school-houses,	300 00
	" interest,	600 00
<i>2000</i>	" highways and bridges,	2,000 00
<i>75</i>	" decorating soldiers' graves,	50 00
<i>1200</i>	" water supply,	1,200 00
	" hose carriage and hose,	500 00
	" county tax,	738 25
	" state tax,	1,440 00
	" overlayings,	154 52

Firemen 2.00 + 50^{cts}/per hour.

\$12,332 77

Deduct for Corporation Tax, 1888,

\$500 00

\$11,832 77

VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

Personal Estate,	\$208,275 00	
Real Estate,	899,402 00	
		<u>\$1,107,677 00</u>
No. of Polls, 378 at \$2 00 each,	\$ 756 00	
Tax on Personal Estate,	2,082 75	
Tax on Real Estate,	8,994 02	
		<u>\$11,832 77</u>

Rate \$10.00 on \$1,000.

No. of Horses,	237
" " Cows,	282
" " neat Cattle other than Cows,	56
" " Swine,	37
" " Dwelling Houses,	335
" " Tax-payers,	697
" " Property tax-payers,	527
" " Poll tax only,	170

ASSETS.

Property of the town not considered available for transfer in paying debts.

Almshouse Establishment, (land and buildings,)	\$3,500 00
Inventory at Almshouse,	1,146 35
Centre School-house and land,	4,000 00
East " " "	1,650 00
West " " "	2,000 00
North " " "	950 00
South " " "	900 00
School property and text-books,	550 00
Public Library,	2,000 00
School Trust Funds,	4,910 00
Road scraper and screens,	150 00
Hay scales,	200 00
Hearse,	400 00
Town House,	12,000 00
Fire apparatus,	1,300 00
Hose House,	1,000 00

\$36,656 35

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TOWN TREASURER FOR STATE AID PAYMENTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING

Dec. 31, 1888.

(Re-imbursed by the State.)

Paid Alice M. Drake	\$48 00
" H. Rebecca Johnson,	24 00
" Charles A. Dunakin,	36 00
" John W. Godfrey,	48 00
" Henry Peach,	18 00
" Eliza C. Fairbanks,	48 00
" Ellen B. Johnson,	48 00
" Emeline Hardy,	48 00
" Caroline S. Harwood,	28 00
" Ursula M. Bullard,	36 00
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	\$382 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Reuben F. Johnson,	\$72 00
" Nathan R. Fuller,	72 00
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	\$144 00

(One-half of the above military aid is re-imbursed by the State.)

SNOW BILL.

Paid E. L. Morse,	\$2 03
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

SEC. No. 3, EDWARD J. FULLER, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Edward J. Fuller, self and team,	\$40 20
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Paid H. Davis, self,	20 55
“ F. Broderick, self,	2 85
“ J. Clowes, “	3 00
“ E. Burns, “	1 50
“ Geo. H. Whittemore, self,	3 00
“ R. Smith, self,	4 50
“ W. Gawl, “	3 75
“ J. Goddard, gravel,	6 60
“ Thomas P. Maguire, gravel,	1 80
“ James H. McManus, “	2 60
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	\$90 35

SEC. NO. 4, A. ALDEN CARPENTER, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid A. Alden Carpenter, self and team,	\$39 00
“ T. Jefferson Billings, “ “ “	14 00
“ Samuel N. Snow, self,	8 55
“ Andrew A. Haskins, self,	7 98
“ Edwin Richards, “	1 35
“ Timothy O'Leary, man and team,	7 15
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	\$78 03

SEC. NO. 5, GEORGE RICHARDS, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid George Richards, self and team,	\$27 00
“ Thomas Cain, self,	7 50
“ T. J. Billings, self,	5 00
“ J. M. Bullard, “	4 50
“ A. Morer, “	6 00
“ John Powers, “	3 00
“ Frank Waldon, self,	6 00
“ Frank Murry, “	4 50
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	\$63 50

SEC. NO. 6, HERBERT F. POLLARD, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Herbert F. Pollard, self and team,	\$71 55
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Paid H. Frank Leonard, " " "	1 13	
" Edwin P. Davis, " " "	3 15	
" T. Jefferson Billings, self, men and team,	4 50	
" Benjamin Gannett, man and team,	18 00	
" Henry M. Pollard, self,	18 45	
" Alfred Hewins, "	40 05	
" John Hanlon, "	19 20	
" Otis Tolman, "	1 50	
" H. M. Lesuer, "	6 00	
" Warren Cobb, gravel,	1 90	
" Charles Hixson, posts,	60	
	<hr/>	\$186 03

SEC. NO. 7, CHARLES F. WHITE, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Charles F. White, self and team,	\$33 00	
" Fred A. White, "	18 75	
" Louis Genter, self,	7 50	
" Herbert O. Wentworth, self,	11 55	
	<hr/>	\$70 80

SEC. NO. 8, STILMAN DUNAKIN, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Stilman Dunakin, self and team,	\$106 47	
" John Genter, self and team,	10 51	
" Louis Genter, "	1 50	
" Louis F. Genter, self,	3 61	
" George Genter, "	1 50	
" Duncan Campbell, self,	1 50	
" Ora F. Severance, "	2 48	
" Albert Post, self,	31 73	
" Charles Johnson, self,	1 35	
" H. Frank Leonard, "	75	
" T. Amlong, self,	3 00	
" A. Frank Johnson, self,	50	
" Edwin P. Davis, "	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$167 15

SEC. 8 1-2, LEWIS O'LEARY, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Lewis O'Leary, self and team,	\$110 88
" Benjamin Gannett, self and team,	31 70
" Thomas O'Leary, self,	40 28
" Daniel McDonald, "	5 70
" Thomas Regan, self,	7 20
" John T. Doyle, "	6 75
" Jous Jorgensen, "	4 20
" F. P. Eberle, "	3 00
" Daniel McNair, "	1 50
" Daniel Cain, "	6 45
" Robert McKnight, self,	4 50
" Silas A. Stone, gravel,	60
	<hr/> \$222 76

SEC. NO. 9, OTIS E. HARWOOD, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Benjamin Gannett, man and team,	\$15 60
" T. Jefferson Billings, self, men and team,	40 20
" Herbert Pollard, self and team,	4 50
" John Genter, self and team,	6 00
" Edwin P. Davis, self and team,	8 10
" Otis E. Harwood, self,	26 55
" Fred A. Drake, "	9 30
" Charles W. Johnson, self,	7 80
" Howell Cobb, "	3 45
" A. Frank Johnson, "	3 00
" Alfred Hewins, "	3 75
" Fanny Holbrook, gravel,	4 00
	<hr/> \$132 25

SEC. 10, EDWIN P. DAVIS, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Edwin P. Davis, self and team,	\$95 65
" A. Frank Johnson, self,	37 95

Paid A. B. Peach, self,	4 80	
“ Samuel T. Leonard, self,	7 05	
“ Samuel N. Snow, “	2 25	
“ Daniel McNair, “	75	
“ Silas A. Stone, gravel,	9 25	
	<hr/>	\$157 70

SEC. NO. 11, EDGAR F. DRAKE, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Edgar F. Drake, self and team,	\$29 85	
“ Benjamin Drake, self and team,	13 50	
“ Bela Weld, self,	18 75	
“ Goodale, “	6 75	
“ Boy, self,	1 25	
“ Warren Cobb, gravel,	1 65	
“ F. A. Brackett, “	1 74	
“ E. F. Drake, “	5 60	
	<hr/>	\$79 09

SEC. NO. 12, ESROM MORSE, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Esrom Morse, self and team,	\$48 00	
“ J. Ernest Drake, self and team,	9 00	
“ F. P. Eberle, “ “ “	21 85	
“ E. L. Morse, self and team,	12 60	
“ T. Amlong, “	12 00	
“ Henry Eberle, “	6 00	
“ John Eberle, “	3 75	
“ J. B. Hartig, “	6 75	
“ J. Moyle, Jr., self,	2 25	
“ Spencer Richards, self,	2 25	
“ L. W. Morse, gravel,	8 60	
“ “ “ “ bridge stone,	50	
	<hr/>	\$133 55

SEC. 13 & 14, ABIJAH TISDALE, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Abijah Tisdale, self, men and team,	\$82 00
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SEC. No. 15.

Paid Warren M. Holmes, self,	\$4 75	
“ Willard G. Estey, “	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$7 00

SEC. No. 16, C. ELBERT HOWARD, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid C. Elbert Howard, self, men and team,	\$42 15	
“ Geo. Huston, self and team,	3 00	
“ Willard Wilber, self,	6 00	
“ T. Amlong, “	3 00	
“ J. B. Hartig, “	3 00	
“ P. Monohan, “	10 95	
“ A. D. Wilber, “	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$72 60

SEC. No. 17, CHARLES A. WILLETT, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid T. Jefferson Billings, men and team,	\$13 50	
“ Charles A. Willett, self,	9 55	
“ Duncan Campbell, “	30	
“ Mrs. Lucy Clarke, gravel,	1 44	
	<hr/>	\$24 79

SEC. No. 18, CHARLES A. WILLETT, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid T. Jefferson Billings, men and team,	\$41 20	
“ Charles A. Willett, self,	30 00	
“ William H. Derry, “	60	
“ Duncan Campbell, “	4 20	
“ Mrs. Lucy Clarke, gravel,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$78 50

SEC. No. 19, FRED H. BAKER, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Fred H. Baker, self and team,	\$46 35
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Paid B. Frank Rhoades, self and team,	1 20	
“ C. Wilber, self,	11 25	
“ Geo. Wilber, self,	6 00	
“ Geo. Miller, “	75	
	<hr/>	\$65 55

SEC. NO. 20, WARREN JOHNSON, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Warren Johnson, self and team,	\$10 50
“ T. Jefferson Billings, self and team,	13 20
“ Daniel McNair,	6 75
“ Daniel Flanigan,	3 75
“ Howell Cobb,	1 50

H. FRANK LEONARD, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

“ H. Frank Leonard, self and team,	30 10	
“ Fred H. Baker, “ “ “	12 15	
“ A. V. Peach, self,	12 15	
“ Daniel McNair, “	12 30	
“ Fred L. Holbrook, self,	9 00	
“ C. Wilber,	4 05	
	<hr/>	\$115 45

SEC. NO. 21, FRED H. BAKER, DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

Paid Fred H. Baker, self and team,	\$48 90	
“ Wm. Hewins, self,	13 95	
“ C. H. Wilber, self,	9 60	
“ G. Wilber, “	9 00	
“ B. Miller, “	1 50	
“ G. Miller, “	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$84 45

HIGHWAYS EXTRA.

Paid Stilman H. Morse, gravel,	\$6 00
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Paid Benjamin Gannett, plank, posts, team work, &c.,	19 60	
" Oliver H. Derry, sharpening picks,	1 10	
" Samuel Paul, drain pipe,	44 55	
" " " joist,	5 79	
" John Moyle, bridge stone,	7 50	
" H. M. Lesuer, labor,	7 50	
" L. W. Morse, bridge stone,	2 25	
" Stilman Dunakin, labor,	11 50	
" John Harragan, labor,	3 35	
" Ira Johnson, labor,	2 25	
" Joseph E. Johnson, labor,	3 50	
" Churchill Bros., shade trees,	20 00	
" Extra appropriation, Sec. 6, opposite Chestnut Hill Cemetery,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$174 89

NEW STREET.

Paid A. Frank Johnson, cutting fence posts,	\$4 00	
" Myron Gilbert, for 10 stone posts,	5 00	
" Esrom Morse, surveying,	6 00	
" D. Webster Pettee, land damage,	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$140 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES.

Paid Rhode Island Coupling Co. for Hose, &c.,	\$259 31	
" " " " " " Supplies,	36 00	
" Boston Woven Hose Co., Hose Cart,	88 00	
" A. D. Colburn, Supplies,	7 65	
" D. W. Pettee, Supplies.	28 09	
" Oliver H. Derry, labor and stock,	3 25	
" Alonzo Josselyn, 2 Fire Extinguishers,	25 00	
" Freight on Hose, Lanterns, &c.,	1 45	
	<hr/>	\$448 75

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PAY OF MEN.

Paid C. Augustus Hixson, Clerk of Engineers,	\$66 50
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HOSE HOUSE.

Paid T. J. Billings, grading around Hose House,	\$3 50
“ Geo. H. Tucker, labor and stock,	46 65
“ for finishing room for Hose Co. No 3,	10 00
	<hr/> \$56 15

MASSAPOAG POND SUIT.

Paid Stilman Dunakin, for digging trench at pond,	\$4 50
“ J. M. W. Yerrinton, for reporting evidence and arguments in the case Atty.-General vs. Revere Copper Co.,	300 30
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WATER.

Paid Sharon Water Co., one year's supply,	\$1,200 00
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TOWN HOUSE EXPENSES.

Paid John W. Godfrey, janitor,	\$85 02
“ D. Webster Pettee, supplies,	1 17
“ William Stone, for sawing wood,	1 25
“ Walworth Man'f'g Co., gasoline,	42 42
“ H. Frank Leonard, coal,	67 50
“ A. Frank Johnson, cutting wood,	10 50
“ Tuning piano,	3 30

Paid Geo. H. Hixon, supplies,	2 55
“ L. W. Morse, wood,	1 75
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	\$215 46

CREDIT.

Received for use of Hall,	\$81 00
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	\$134 46

TOWN HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid Samuel Paul, lumber,	\$13 18
“ Timothy O’Leary, labor and pipe,	2 92
“ C. E. Hall, labor and stock,	4 25
“ Geo. H. Tucker, labor and stock,	88 87
“ Walworth Man’f’g Co., man to fix gas machine,	3 60
“ Cash paid for stove pipe, &c.,	5 65
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	\$118 47

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Rockwell & Churchill, for printing circulars,	\$5 00
“ E. B. Squire, cash paid for postage, &c.,	3 00
“ C. F. Bryant, account book,	83
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	\$8 83

ARABELLA FULLER CASE.

Paid T. E. Grover, cash paid C. A. Stevens, for photographs of road,	\$11 00
“ T. E. Grover, cash paid for witness fees, &c.,	12 60
“ T. E. Grover, services at trial,	65 00
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	\$88 60

Paid T. E. Grover, for services in Robert Gordon will case
and counsel in other pauper cases, \$35 00

C. S. HARPER CASE.

Paid Nellie F. Watson, witness fees,	\$6 10
“ Josiah W. Perry, “ “	5 70
“ Minnie Eddy, “ “	5 70
“ Esrom Morse, “ “	6 00
“ Dexter Packard, “ “	5 70
“ L. C. Riford, “ “	5 50
“ O. H. Derry, “ “	5 70
“ A. R. Holmes, M. D., witness fees,	60 00
“ Amount of execution, fines and costs,	266 87
“ E. C. Bumpus, services,	170 00
“ A. P. French, services,	30 00
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	\$567 27

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Charles F. Bryant, postage, stationery, from 1884 to 1888,	\$16 93
“ Charles F. Bryant, Treas. G. A. R., money voted for Memorial Day,	50 00
“ Benjamin Gannett, plank for hay scales,	75
“ George Richards, 14 burial permits,	3 50
“ Richard Johnson, 10 burial permits,	2 50
“ Samuel N. Snow, reward for the conviction of the parties that mutilated the shade trees on Pond St.,	10 00
“ Joel P. Hewins, cash paid for postage, stationery, express, &c.,	3 80
“ E. B. Thorndike, for printing Town, School and Li- brary Report, 1888,	81 00
“ E. B. Thorndike, for printing Town Warrants,	2 00
“ E. B. Thorndike, “ “ Tramp Notices,	1 50
“ C. E. Hall, for printing guideboards,	50

Paid J. W. Godfrey, for printing Town and State Aid Receipts,	3 00
“ Frederic Endicott, for finding boundary stone in Fowl Meadow,	1 25
“ Geo. Woodman & Co., faucet for fountain,	2 00
“ Timothy O’Leary, labor at fountain and fixing water pipe,	2 80
“ William Bense, printing Order Books,	7 50
“ “ printing list of assessed polls,	7 75
“ Joseph E. Johnson, care of clock one year, to Oct. 15, 1888,	25 00
“ Geo. H. Hixon, cash paid for incidentals,	15 58
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	\$237 36

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Benjamin Gannett, services as Selectman. Assessor, Overseer of Poor, also Highway Surveyor,	\$155 00
“ Silas A. Stone, services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, also Highway Surveyor,	148 00
“ Geo. H. Hixon, services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, also Highway Surveyor,	240 75
“ Geo. F. Howard, Auditor,	4 00
“ Edgar F. Drake, “	3 00
“ Henry A. Boyden, “	3 00
“ Joel P. Hewins, Town Treasurer,	125 00
“ “ “ “ Clerk.	25 00
“ “ “ “ Recording births, marriages and deaths,	17 05
“ Joel P. Hewins, Cash paid physician for returns of births,	5 50
“ Joel P. Hewins, Clerk’s attendance in Rep. District, No. 7,	3 25
“ Joel P. Hewins, Registrar of voters,	6 00
“ Solomon Talbot, Registrar of voters,	6 00
“ Geo. H. Hixon, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	10 00

Paid H. F. Leonard, Constable,	35 00
“ D. Packard, Collector, 1887,	100 00
“ C. R. Packard, Special Police, 3rd, 4th and 5th of July, 1888,	5 00
“ F. P. Long, Special Police, 3rd, 4th and 5th of July, 1888,	5 00
“ J. E. Johnson, Special Police, 3rd, 4th and 5th of July, 1888,	5 00
“ T. O'Leary, Special Police, 3rd, 4th and 5th of July, 1888,	5 00
“ H. F. Leonard, Special Police, 3rd, 4th and 5th of July 1888,	5 00
“ S. Dunakin, Special Police, July, 1886,	2 50
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	\$914 05

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31st, 1888.

ALMSHOUSE PAYMENTS.

Paid D. Webster Pettee, supplies,	\$234 53
“ Long Bros., supplies,	109 72
“ Geo. F. Gay, “	18 84
“ Geo. H. Hixon, “	55 91
“ John Smithwick, medical attendance,	30 00
“ Stilman H. Morse, mason,	1 50
“ Oliver H. Derry, blacksmith work,	1 50
“ Silas A. Stone, “ “	10 65
“ D. H. Whittier, Superintendent, on Acc't.,	150 00
“ D. Packard, shoates,	8 00
“ Lewis N. Holmes, use of horse,	9 00
“ Edwin P. Davis, “ “ “	5 00
“ Gould & Co., grain,	96 12
“ Timothy O'Leary, labor of men,	23 75
“ C. F. Bryant, medicine,	2 25
“ Billings Hewett, coffin for Emma L. Torrey,	9 00

Paid Richard Johnson, digging grave for Emma L. Torrey,	2 00
“ For rubber sheet for house,	1 41
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	\$769 18
Balance due Superintendent, one year's salary,	\$181 25

CREDITS.

By boarding and lodging 240 persons,	\$48 00
Cash in hands of Superintendent, Jan. 1, 1889,	162 14
Due from T. Jefferson Billings, for board of men,	11 00
Due from Town of Hyde Park for board of pauper,	10 75
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	\$231 89
Number of weeks of inmates, 120 5-7.	

EXPENSE AT TOWN FARM FOR STOCK, &c.

Paid Cobb Stove & Machine Co., for cooking range,	\$19 00
“ C. Augustus Hixson, mowing machine,	45 00
“ Lewis W. Morse, cow,	40 00
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	\$104 00

As will be seen by the above report the cost per head has been large the past year. There have been but five different persons during the whole year and three of them have been sick and died during that time. Miss Lizzie Torrey was very sick for quite a long time and Mrs. Whittier deserves the thanks of the townspeople for the excellent care she bestowed upon her. Robert Orrell was sick a long time and he was also quite a care to Mr. and Mrs. Whittier. Smith Harvey was there a short time but he needed

constant attention. It would seem that the farm had been expensive the last year but when we take into account the sickness that has been there, we must come to the conclusion that we were fortunate in having a place where the sick could be cared for.

ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid hospital bill of Isabella Field Emery,	\$115 01
" hospital bill of Edgar W. D. Johnson,	173 41
" C. T. Derry, house rent for Mrs. Martin Conly, one year,	60 00
" H. Frank Leonard, coal, for Mrs. Martin Conly,	21 50
" " " " " " Mrs. Samuel H. Drake,	7 60
" N. A. Cobb, milk for Mrs. J. D. Talbot and family,	24 40
" Town of Canton, aid to Mrs. J. D. Talbot and family,	7 06
" Byam & Co., coal for Mrs. J. D. Talbot and family,	3 50
" Robinson Bros., goods, for Mrs. J. D. Talbot and family,	2 00
" Aid to Albert E. Fuller,	22 00
" James N. Burrell, for attendance upon Smith Harvey, while sick,	3 00
" A. L. Harwood, for attendance upon Smith Harvey, while sick,	1 50
" Billings Hewett, coffin for Smith Harvey,	12 00
" Richard Johnson, digging grave for Smith Harvey,	2 50
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	\$455 48

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, Jan. 1, 1889.

Trustees of Sharon Friends School Fund,	\$2,360	00
“ “ Dorchester & Surplus		
Revenue Fund,	2,550	00
Trustees of Sharon Public Library bequest of Russell Drake,	300	00
Trustees of Sharon “ “ “ of Eliza G. Perkins,	500	00

Notes due to Calvin Turner,	1,000 00
“ “ Emeline Hardy,	400 00
“ “ Estate of Maria Bullard,	100 00
“ “ John Welch,	280 00
“ “ B. D. Capen,	1,400 00
“ “ Aimee J. Howard,	400 00
“ “ George F. Howard,	400 00
“ “ B. S. Leonard,	1,400 00
“ “ J. P. Hewins,	800 00
“ “ M. J. Tolman,	100 00
	<hr/> \$11,990 00
Due Town Officers,	750 00
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Total liabilities,	\$12,740 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS, Jan. 1, 1889.

Cash in Treasury,	\$3,266 76
Uncollected Taxes of 1887,	142 98
“ “ 1888,	3,594 52
Due for State Aid Payments,	454 00
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Total assets,	\$7,458 26
Town Debt over available assets,	5,281 74

The Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor and Highway Surveyors, beg leave to make the above report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

The report shows how much money has been expended the past year, and for what purpose it has been used. There has been the usual complaints about the highways; also, as to the manner of repairing the same. It has been our aim to keep all the roads in town safe for teams to pass over. We are well aware that the streets in the village are not as good as they might be, and perhaps not quite what they should be. We think that our outside

roads will compare favorably with adjoining towns. The last few months have proved very bad for the highways. A large number of the small culverts under our roads will have to be relaid next spring. Our report shows the town debt to have been reduced \$351.74 this last year. This next season we have got to widen and straighten Main street, near the Foxboro' line, by order of the County Commissioners,

GEORGE H. HIXON,
BENJAMIN GANNETT,
SILAS A. STONE,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor; also Highway Surveyors.

Sharon, Feb. 1, 1889.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SHARON FRIENDS' SCHOOL FUND.

The amount of the Fund is \$2,360.00, and the Trustees hold a note of the Town Treasurer for that amount. The interest for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1888, (\$141.60.) has been received and paid to the Town Treasurer for the support of schools.

D. W. PETTEE, FOR THE TRUSTEES.

Sharon, Feb. 1st, 1889.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF DORCHESTER AND SURPLUS REVENUE FUND.

Amount of fund in our hands \$2,550.00 in a town note at 6 per cent. Received as interest on the above up to Jan. 1st, 1889, \$153.00 and paid to the Town Treasurer.

C. D. HIXON, TRUSTEE.

Sharon, Feb. 1st, 1889.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SHARON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31st, 1888.

DR.

To balance in the Treasury Jan. 1st, 1888,	\$4,675 20
Received from Taxes of 1887,	3,875 00
“ “ “ “ 1888,	7,500 00
“ Int from Sharon Friends' School Fund,	141 60
“ “ “ Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund,	153 00
“ from State School Fund,	165 37
“ Balance of Corporation Tax,	72 02
“ from County Treasurer for Dog Licenses for year 1887,	274 54
“ for use of Town Hall,	81 00
“ “ “ Hay Scales,	5 96
“ “ Auction Licenses.	6 00
“ “ Apothecary Licenses for years 1887 and 1888,	2 00
“ from C. F. Bryant, Treas. of Fish Committee,	55 58
“ “ Corporation Tax,	1,814 36
“ “ National Bank Tax,	954 36
“ State Aid, Chap. 252, Acts of 1879,	36 00
“ State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1879,	426 00
“ Borrowed Money,	4,000 00
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	\$24,237 99

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Paid on orders of Selectmen,	\$8,344 57
“ “ “ School Committee,	3,878 97
“ Int. on Sharon Friends' School Fund,	141 60
“ “ “ Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund,	153 00
“ “ “ other Notes,	450 30
“ for Insurance,	187 75
“ Treas. Pub. Library, Proceeds from Dog Tax,	274 54
“ State Treasurer on Apothecary License,	50

Paid State Tax,	1,440 00
“ Borrowed Money,	4,000 00
“ B. D. Capen’s Note,	2,000 00
“ Harriot O. Balou Note,	100 00
Balance in the Treas.,	3,266 76

\$24,237 99

J. P. HEWINS, TREASURER.

COLLECTOR’S REPORT.

Balance due on Tax of 1887, Jan. 1, 1888,	\$4,069 32
Amount paid J. P. Hewins	\$3,875 00
Remitted,	51 34
	<hr/> \$3,926 34

Balance due Jan. 1, 1889, \$142 98

1888 TAX.

Amount Committed,	\$11,832 77
Paid County Tax,	\$738 25
“ J. P. Hewins, Treas.,	7,500 00
	<hr/> \$8,238 25

Balance due Jan. 1, 1889, \$3,594 52

DEXTER PACKARD, COLLECTOR.

AUDITORS’ REPORT.

Sharon, Jan. 1st, 1889.

The Auditors chosen for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888, hereby certify that they have examined the books and accounts of all officers and committees entrusted with the receipts, custody or expenditure of money, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE H. MANN,	} AUDITORS.
GEO. H. WHITTEMORE,	
L. MORTON JOHNSON,	

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN SHARON IN 1888.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Oct. 23, '87	Ina M.,	F	Geo. R. and Grace T. Huston.
Jan. 5, '88	Harriot E.,	F	Fred W. and Catherine Hiatt.
Feb. 27, '87	Francis,	M	Frank D. and Mary Gaffney.
June 1, '87	George G.,	M	Wilson W. and Eliza M. Libby.
Mar. 14, '88	John,	M	John and Mary White.
April 3, '88	William L.,	M	John and Susan O'Neil.
" 12, '88	Elzena C.,	F	Thomas N. and Sarah E. Price.
Nov. 19, '87	Alice D.,	F	Nathan C. and Hattie L. Wood.
Apr. 24, '88	Norman W.,	M	Oliver H. and Nellie H. Derry.
Jan. 8, '88	Celia E.,	F	Peter and Nellie J. Farnsburg.
May 15, '88	Joseph C. T.,	M	Joseph and Eliza Poirier.
Aug. 18, '88	Alice B.,	F	William and Elizabeth A. Peach.
Oct. 3, '88	Mary,	F	Thomas and Ellen Regan.
Nov. 17, '88	William H. G.,	M	Gordon P. and Georgiana G. Nelson.
Jan. 4, '88	Herbert H.,	M	Charles H. and Abbie L. Wilbur.
Sept. 28, '87	Sarah J.,	F	Thomas R. and Sarah McMillin.
Aug. 2, '88	Martha L.,	F	Abijah W. and E. Adelia Tisdale.
Mar. 2, '88	Ella C.,	F	Geo. F. and Hattie E. Gay.
Oct. 14, '88	Morris H.,	M	Horace S. and Anna M. Shepard.
Dec. 24, '88	Mary,	F	John and Ann Harrigan.
Aug. 6, '88	Albert P.,	M	Arthur D. and Laura V. Coburn.
Oct. 30, '88	Evelyn F.,	F	Edward C. and Alice M. Richards.
Jan. 9, '88	Michael,	M	Michael and Mary Ann Downey.

JOEL P. HEWINS, TOWN CLERK.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN SHARON IN 1888.

DATE.	NAMES.	YRS.	MOS.	DYS.	DISEASE.
Jan. 10	Ellen E. Morton	30	9	26	Consumption.
" 21	Ashael S. Drake	77	6	17	General Debility.
" 21	Julia Curry	83	6		Bilious Fever.
" 27	Thadeus L. Nickols	50	6	20	Consumption.
Mar. 5	Sarah Sherwin	79	11	5	Apoplexy.
" 7	Charles A. Whittemore		9	25	Dentition.
" 19	Smith Harvey	84	11	23	Old Age.
" 20	Charlotte Hewins	77	7	20	General Debility.
" 25	Ella C. Gay			4	Brain Affection.
" 25	Horace P. Weld	29	8	23	Typhoid Fever.
Apr. 12	Jessie S. Munro	28			Heart Disease.
" 22	John R. Hixon	72	11	17	Bright's Disease.
" 21	Joseph Hewins	70	9	22	Heart Disease.
May 19	Loizie L. Torrey	9	8		Heart Disease.
Aug. 8	Virginia W. Richardson	61	1	25	Apoplexy.
May 9	Agnes Tharle	28	11	14	Consumption.
Aug. 16	Caroline S. Harwood	65	3	10	Paralysis.
" 23	Robert Orrelle	70			General Debility.
Sept. 7	Alice Hampton	7	9	15	Heart Disease.
" 13	Otis Johnson	90	5	16	Old Age.
Oct. 6	Sophia M. Johnson	77	11	21	General Debility.
Dec. 14	Mary Derry	88	11	4	Old Age.
" 25	Fred S. Leonard	37			Consumption.
Jan. 22	Thomas F. Macksey	30			Consumption.
1889					

Eight of the above named persons were invalids from other places.

JOEL P. HEWINS, TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES

RECORDED IN SHARON IN 1888.

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- Feb. 18, 1888, James A. Sawyer of Canton and Belle Nickols of Sharon.
- April 15, Oliver H. Derry of Sharon and Nellie H. Carpenter of Sharon.
- Sept. 16, Frank D. Hoyt of Sharon and Louisa Waldron of Bel-
ingham.
- Sept. 27, Elbridge G. Harwood, Jr., of Sharon and Nellie A.
Bond of Ware.
- Oct. 3, Horace W. Ellis of Sharon and Mary E. Driscoll of Bos-
ton.
- Sept. 27, Joseph B. Blanchard of Milton and Annie T. Eberle of
Sharon.
- Nov. 28, Emery C. Britton of Canton and Lizzie M. Cobb of
Sharon.
- Jan. 3, Herbert C. Chase of Harwich and Lillie M. Coburn of
Sharon.
- Jan. 17, Elmer E. Naramore of Sharon and Grace L. Harlow of
Sharon.
- Aug. 2, Timothy O'Leary of Sharon and Julia Heaney of Sharon.

JOEL P. HEWINS, TOWN CLERK.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS

OF THE

SHARON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF
SHARON :

Gentlemen :—

During the year ending Dec. 31, 1888, the department has been called out three times, as follows :—

July 4, Fire at house of Mrs. C. A. Weston, Billings St. Probable cause, fire crackers. Valuation, \$1,000.00. Loss, \$100.00. Insured.

July 4, Fire at tenement house of J. R. Packard, Depot St. Cause unknown. Valuation, \$800.00. Loss, \$400.00. Insurance paid, \$300.00.

Sept. 25, Fire at house of L. H. Shepard, Main St. Cause, defective flue. Valuation, \$5,000.00. Loss, \$1,200.00. Insurance paid \$1,200.00.

The house of Thomas Maguire, located at North Sharon, totally destroyed by fire March 21. Cause, defective flue. Valuation, \$1,400.00. Insured, \$1,000.00. Being situated about two miles from the center of the town, no alarm reached us.

The barn and corn-house located on the estate of the late C T. Howard, at South Sharon, totally destroyed by fire Aug. 25. Cause, unknown. Valuation, \$750.00. Insured, \$300.00. Fire not discovered until buildings were nearly consumed. No alarm reached us.

The standpipe has been kept well filled for fire service the past year.

The hydrants have been painted and carefully looked after during the year by Engineer E. E. Farnam and are all in good condition.

HOSE.

We have fifteen hundred feet of good reliable hose.

HOOK AND LADDER TRUCK.

The Hook and Ladder Truck having been improved and having had two "Babcock" extinguishers added, is now better equipped for service than ever before.

HOSE CARRIAGES.

The three hose carriages are in good condition.

REMARKS.

The department moved into the new Hose House early in the year, and in consequence of having a convenient and proper place for the apparatus, the members have shown renewed interest.

A new hose carriage, with 500 feet of hose has been added to the department and located at the "Knife Shop" village. A suitable building in which to keep the same has been secured at slight cost.

Mr. L. H. Shepard having donated twenty-five dollars towards a rubber coat fund, enough more was raised, through the efforts of the Engineers, to purchase twenty-four coats for the department.

We recommend that firemen be paid two dollars per year, the same as at present and fifty cents per hour for work at fires.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. D. COLBURN,	}	ENGINEERS.
W. H. DELANO.		
C. A. HIXSON, CLERK,		

Report of the Board of Health

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1888.

There has been during the past year nothing in the sanitary condition of the town, (so far as has come under the observation of the Board) very different from that existing during any of the five years preceding.

There have been few cases of zymotic disease, but one ending fatally.

The number of deaths for the year 1888, was twenty-two, equal to 16.6 per thousand. Of these, three have been from consumption and seven occurred in persons over seventy-five years of age. Of the deaths from consumption two were in the cases of people who came here almost in the last stages of the disease.

Early in the summer the Board distributed circulars with a view to calling the attention of householders to certain sanitary matters sometimes neglected.

Regular monthly meetings of the Board have been held since its organization, and all complaints or notices in regard to the health of the town, have been carefully considered, and action has been taken in every case where it seemed to be wise and timely. One of the members has been appointed physician to the Board, and has performed the duties usually belonging to that officer.

Before the beginning of school in the fall, the Board addressed a communication to the School Committee, asking them to exclude from schools all children who had whooping cough. The thanks of the Board are due the committee for their prompt attention to the matter; and in this place, it is perhaps well to say, that the

hearty co-operation of all parties to whom the Board has applied for information or assistance, has been very gratifying.

In view of the changes ordered by the last Legislature, Sec. 2, Chap. 306, acts of 1888, the Board has appointed the town clerk to be its agent for granting burial permits, and obtaining physicians' certificates of death with cause thereof. There has not yet been any very marked improvement from the old custom of burying first and getting permission afterwards.

Physicians and householders should be aware that severe penalties are provided by law, for failure to report cases of disease dangerous to the public health. Instances of such neglect have been too common in the past.

Some time in August the State Board of Health set on foot an investigation of the condition of the sources of ice supply throughout the state, and called for information from this town. The different members of the Board investigated the several streams and ponds known to be sources of ice during the winter, and took measures to secure the removal of all causes of pollution that were observed. The owners of the property affected co-operated heartily with the Board in this matter. It was very gratifying to be able to inform the Secretary of the State Board that no nuisance existed near enough to contaminate any stream or pond from which Sharon would receive its ice supply.

For the Board, respectfully submitted,

JOHN SMITHWICK, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE Trustees of the Public Library.

The Trustees of the Public Library submit to the town their annual report.

On assuming the duties of the office, it devolved upon the trustees, to carry out what their predecessors had fully realized was the most pressing need of the library, viz:—a new and complete catalogue. After long and careful consideration, it was unanimously determined to recatalogue and reclassify the entire library, and for that purpose, Miss L. L. Whitney of Watertown, an expert in such work, was employed. Miss Ethel J. Dunakin of this town was appointed to assist her. The chief objection to the new catalogue was the expense attending its preparation. The library contained no card catalogue, from which a new catalogue could have been compiled; had it possessed such a catalogue, the work could have been done in less time and at much less expense. Neither were the old catalogues which had from time to time been issued, sufficiently accurate to be relied upon for this purpose. No other course remained therefore, but to go through the library book by book until the completion of the work.

This necessitated the closing of the library for a space of about three months. In-as-much as no complete single catalogue had ever been issued, and this too, in a library containing more than three thousand volumes, it will be readily seen, that the time had arrived, when the library must of necessity, have such a catalogue, and the trustees felt therefore, fully justified in doing the work in a thorough and complete manner. While catalogues prepared by

persons having no special skill in the work, may answer the purpose, while a library is small, yet, when the number of volumes has increased beyond a few hundreds, such catalogues are found to be wholly inadequate and unsatisfactory. This has been the case with our library, as also with others, among which may be mentioned that in Walpole, containing nearly five thousand volumes, which it is proposed to recatalogue and reclassify entirely, the coming spring, under the direction of an expert. Dedham has just completed a similar task. The trustees of the public library in Grafton, Mass., which contains about six thousand volumes, have nearly finished preparing a new catalogue, somewhat similar to our own, under the direction of a skilled cataloguer. The cost of such work is necessarily large, but a similar expense need never be incurred again, as, by the card catalogue system employed, (a card being prepared for each book at the time of its reception into the library,) a complete and permanent list of the books in the library is provided, which is also used by the printer as his copy.

A new set of Rules and Regulations was adopted by the trustees, which is contained in the catalogue. The amount expended on the catalogue has been compared by the trustees with the sums paid for similar work in other towns, and found to fall below the cost of the same grade of work elsewhere. The entire cost was \$366.25.

From the librarian's report herewith presented, it will be observed that the demand for works of fiction, greatly exceeds that for all other classes. The trustees desire by all means in their power to increase to a greater degree, the taste for more solid reading. They are of opinion that altogether too much fiction is read, and that money could be more profitably spent in supplying the standard works which the library lacks, than in adding extensively to the already very large number of works of fiction.

The trustees are especially desirous of co-operating with the public schools, by supplying the teachers and scholars, with such works as they need to supplement their text books, and it is hoped that the number of volumes available for this purpose may be largely increased.

The matter of the appropriation by the town of two hundred dollars for the library, and the rescinding of the vote at a subsequent meeting is fresh in the minds of the people. The trustees only regret that the matter could not have been decided on its merits. The treasurer's report is appended.

(Signed)	E. B. SQUIRES, Chairman	} Trustees.
	L. M. MONK, Treas.	
	SANFORD WATERS BILLINGS,	
	EDMUND H. TALBOT,	
	M. L. HIXSON,	
	E. R. HARPER, Sec'y	

Sharon, Jan. 23, 1889.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY :—

The statistics for the year ending Jan. 1st, 1889, are as follows :— Whole number of volumes in Library 3,041. Regular borrowers of books, as per card list, 475. Number of volumes loaned during the year, 4,663, of which 2,950 or 63 per cent. were fiction. The re-classification of the Library makes it impossible to figure percentages for the whole year in the other classes.

Whole number of catalogues sold 66, amounting to	\$16 50
Received for fines,	4 08

Total,	\$20 58
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G. M. COOLIDGE, LIBRARIAN.

C. D. HIXON, TREAS., IN ACCOUNT WITH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Dr.		
Jan. 1st, 1888, Balance,	.	\$2 16
" 25th, Cash,	.	274 54
" " Error in B'k Book,	.	1 00
		\$277 70
Cr.		
Jan. 27th, 1888, Paid Pettee,	.	\$1 57
" " Paid Coolidge,	.	10 00
" 30th, " "	.	5 00
Feb. 12th, " Express,	.	50
Mar. 2nd, " Coolidge,	.	5 00
" 17th, " L. M. & Co.,	.	36 55
" " " H. M. & Co.,	.	6 50
" " " W. Bense,	.	12 50
Balance paid L. M. Monk,	.	200 08
		\$277 70

C. D. HIXON, TREAS. OF TRUSTEES.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31st, 1888.

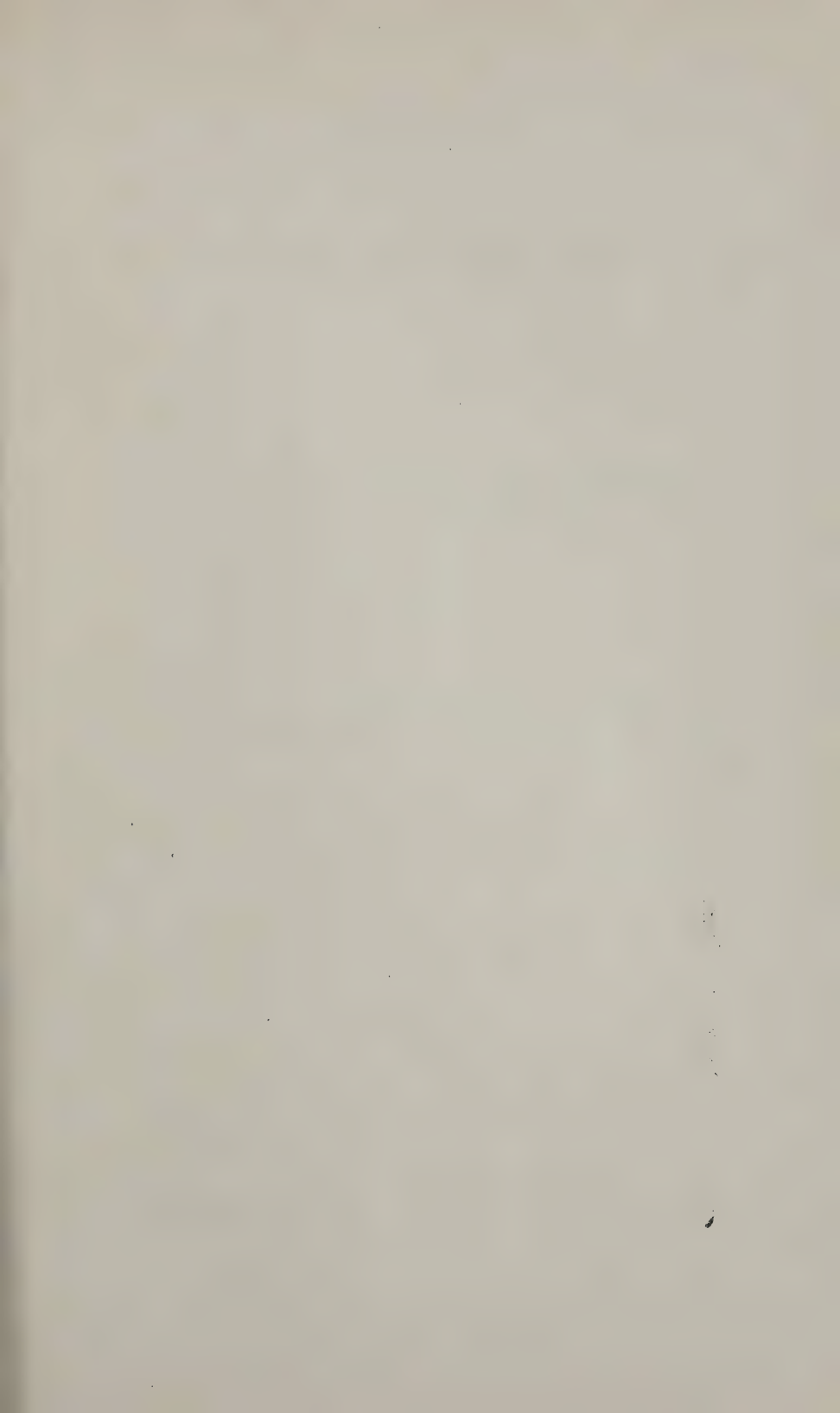
RECEIPTS.

Received from C. D. Hixon, Treas.,	\$200 08	
" " J. P. Hewins, interest,	40 00	
" " G. M. Coolidge, Librarian,	10 00	
		\$250 08

EXPENDITURES.

Paid G. M. Coolidge, Librarian,	\$27 00	
" Expense on Catalogue,	184 65	
" Books, Binding, etc.,	27 00	
" Incidentals,	9 30	
		\$247 95
Balance due Dec. 31, 1888,		\$2 13

L. M. MONK, TREAS.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SHARON.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1888.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

HENRY L. NARAMORE,
JOHN M. BULLARD,
C. ELBERT HOWARD,

LORING M. MONK,
ALBERT L. FELT,
EDMUND H. TALBOT.

REPORT.

The School Committee respectfully submit their Annual Report :

At the annual meeting of the town, held on the first Monday of March, 1888, Messrs C. Elbert Howard and Edmund H. Talbot were chosen as members of the Committee for the term of three years.

Meeting for organization on the evening of the day following John M. Bullard was elected Chairman for the year, and Loring M. Monk, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office of the Superintendent not having expired, no action was then taken in regard to the appointment of this officer, but before the close of the spring term of our schools, Mr. Geo. H. Danforth resigned his position; the resignation was accepted, and as the Committee have been unable to procure a successor for the sum of \$300 per annum, which is the highest sum we have felt the town would justify us in paying, no successor to him has been elected.

SUPERINTENDENCE.

The committee believe that one great obstacle which stands in the way of progress in our schools, is the lack of supervision. They believe that the employment of a Superintendent is very desirable, being of great importance to the welfare and advancement of the schools, as well as in the interest of true economy.

The State Board of Education in their report for 1887, say: "It is almost invariably the case that when a competent superintendent is appointed, the schools at once improve. We do not fear to say that a skilled supervisor, giving his whole time to the schools of a little group of neighboring towns, would in one year

make a change for the better in our poorest schools, that would be simply marvellous. Teachers feel the change, and find their burdens lightened”.

CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

The Committee and Teachers often find themselves somewhat embarrassed by a lack of cordial support on the part of a few parents, and adverse criticisms of school matters in the presence of pupils. If the parties having a grievance, real or fancied, will seriously consider the matter, we think they will agree with us, that such a course must be very demoralizing to any school. Far better would it be for such criticisms to be made directly to the committee, any member of which is ever ready to listen to them, and correct any wrongs if possible.

TEACHERS.

The gravest responsibility which attaches to the office of School Committee is the selection of competent teachers. Great stress is laid upon this duty by the State Board of Education in their last report. More and more, as the new methods of elementary teaching are adopted, are teachers possessing special qualifications required to properly apply them. These teachers are to be obtained. Our State Normal Schools were established for the very purpose for fitting teachers for such work, and teachers so trained should be employed in preference to others. Even in this advanced age, in the estimation of some, the office of teacher consists simply in preserving strict order in the school-room, and in inducing pupils to commit to memory certain facts found in the text-books. Such teachers waste their efforts in endeavoring to cram into the minds of the pupils just the amount of knowledge mapped out in the course of study, with little or no regard to their ability to assimilate it. Such a course might have passed unchallenged twenty-five years ago, but in this age of broad intellectual advancement we cannot sanction it, and our sense of duty should prevent its occurring. We must employ teachers who possess the ability to teach according to the best experience of our day, and not according to the traditional usages of the past.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Our High School has been continued in charge of Mr. Sanford W. Billings. A class of twelve graduated at the close of the spring term, eighteen having been connected with it since its formation, and a class of fifteen entered at the commencement of the fall term, one of their number being subsequently advanced to a higher class. The school has performed good work during the year, its attendance has been excellent, and the tardiness among its pupils, once so observable, much reduced. A change in the course of study, eliminating certain of the more superficial studies, and giving more time to those of more practical importance, would be of much benefit to this school. A sub-committee has been chosen for this purpose.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school during its first term was taught by Mrs. May E. Brown, under whose care it had been the previous year. Miss Emma G. Pettigrew succeeded her at the spring term, resigning at the close of it. Mrs. Laura E. Comey was then appointed as teacher, and the school is now under her charge. Though the school had been far behind in its work, it is now making commendable progress, and we doubt not will accomplish still better results under its present management. Too much importance cannot be attached to the work of this school. It is the basis of all higher work, and the success of pupils in the high school must largely depend upon the thoroughness of the training received here. If then a class enters the high school poorly qualified to pursue the course laid down there, it is apparent that its work will be unsatisfactory. The committee are aware that the class which entered the high school in September from this department was at least one year behind in its work, as shown by the result of the examination of its members. A remedy for this evil can be found by the establishment of a grammar school of higher grade.

The Primary School has been taught by Miss Grace L. Harlow the entire year. The last half of its spring term, Mrs. May E. Brown was employed as assistant, the number of its pupils being

unusually large ; sixty-four names being enrolled upon its register, with an average attendance of above fifty. Miss Harlow entered this school as teacher in September, 1886, and her connection with it has been greatly to its benefit ; her resignation at the close of the fall term was received with regret.

The East School, the largest of our ungraded schools, has been continued in charge of Miss Margaret A. Hanlon, who closed a service of three years with the end of the fall term. We can only repeat the commendation bestowed upon her services in the past, which have been so largely instrumental in making this school what it now is. Miss Hanlon resigned her position at the close of the year to accept an appointment in a neighboring town.

The West School was taught during the winter term by Miss May L. Felt, whose excellent service the previous year was apparent. In consequence of Miss Felt's resignation at the close of this term, Miss Annie F. Blackman was appointed as teacher, under whose care the school is making fair progress.

The North School was taught from January until March by Miss Ethel J. Dunakin, as substitute during the illness of Miss Clara P. Morse. Her work was excellent for the first attempt, and for one who had received no previous training. Miss Morse resumed her position at the commencement of the spring term, working with her customary faithfulness and good success. The attendance of the pupils of this school has been much more regular than has sometimes been the case in the past.

The South School remains in charge of Miss Aimee J. Howard, who for seven successive years has been its teacher.

Though its numbers are small, and its pupils reside at distances remote from their school-house, yet their proficiency will compare favorably with that of the members of any other school in town.

EXPENDITURES.

By reference to the financial report annexed, it will be seen that we report a balance on hand of \$486.68, slightly less than last year. This has been produced by the necessity of employing an assistant in the Primary School for a short period, and the raising

of the salaries of the teachers of the Grammar and East Schools to \$10.00 per week. But with this balance, and the income from the school funds, no increase of the annual appropriation for support of schools will be required, and we therefore recommend the appropriation of the same amount as last year, \$2,800.

Of the appropriation made for text-books we have a balance of \$44.40 on hand. This will be nearly expended at the close of the winter term of the schools, and we recommend the appropriation of \$250 for the coming year.

The changes or additions made during the past year have been Campbell's Reading Spellers for use in the common schools, and Blaisdell's first steps with American and English Authors for the High School.

Of the appropriation of \$300, for repairs and incidentals \$201.02 were available, after deducting the overdraft of last year. The Central Building has been shingled, the East and South buildings painted, and such repairs as were absolutely needed were made upon the other school-houses. We have been compelled to overdraw the appropriation to the amount of \$149.62. To provide for this deficiency, and for repairs and incidentals for the coming year, we recommend the granting of \$300.

JOHN M. BULLARD,
LORING M. MONK,
H. L. NARAMORE,
A. L. FELT,
EDMUND H. TALBOT.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FOR 1888.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.				
	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percent. of Attendance.	Salary of Teacher per Month.
HIGH.	Sanford W. Billings.....	30	27	91	\$89 47
GRAMMAR.	Laura E. Comey.....	41	38	93	40 00
PRIMARY.	Grace L. Harlow.....	46	42	91	36 00
EAST.	Margaret A. Hanlon.....	41	37	90	40 00
WEST.	Annie F. Blackman.....	24	22	87	32 00
NORTH.	Clara P. Morse.....	17	16	93	32 00
SOUTH.	Aimee J. Howard.....	9	8	88	32 00
	264	208	190	91	

SHARON HIGH SCHOOL.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF CLASS OF 1888,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 27TH, 1888.

PROGRAMME, PART FIRST.

1. MUSIC,—Selection, ARION BANJO AND GUITAR CLUB.
2. SALUTATORY, MARY A. LEARY.
3. ESSAY,—“Life’s Journey Before Us”, LAURA M. DUNAKIN.
4. RECITATION,—“The Gambler’s Last Deal”,
FRANK H. MCPHERSON.
5. SONG,—“Gaily Chant the Summer Birds”, LIZZIE R. HANLON.
6. ESSAY,—“Robert Fulton”, MARY E. HARTIG.
7. RECITATION,—“Dr. Tindale’s Cure”, THOMAS J. McMANUS.
8. ESSAY,—“Longfellow’s Women”, EVA M. JOHNSON.

PART SECOND.

1. MUSIC,—Selection, ARION BANJO AND GUITAR CLUB
2. RECITATION,—“The Volunteer and Thistle”,
HERVEY T. B. DERRY.
3. ESSAY,—“Gather Up the Sunbeams”, LIZZIE R. HANLON.
4. ORATION,—“The Commerce of the United States”,
ARTHUR S. HIXSON.
5. CLASS HISTORY, EDNA M. RICHARDS.
6. ESSAY,—“Live for a Purpose”, MARY W. LEARY.
7. CLASS PROPHECY, JOSIE HANLON.
8. GRADUATION SONG, CLASS.
9. ESSAY, with VALEDICTORY,—“We Build the Ladder by Which
We Rise”, HELEN W. PETTEE.

AWARD OF DIPLOMAS.

PRAYER.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31st, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan'y 1st, 1888,	\$538 67
Received from Commonwealth School Fund,	165 37
" " Dorchester Surplus Revenue School Fund,	153 00
" " Sharon Friends' School Fund,	141 60
" " Appropriation,	2,800 00
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	\$3,798 64

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Sanford W. Billings, Teaching 1 yr.,	\$872 25
" Grace L. Harlow, " 37 weeks,	333 00
" Margaret A. Hanlon, " 36 " "	349 00
" Clara P. Morse, " 28 " "	224 00
" Aimee J. Howard, " 37 " "	296 00
" May L. Felt, " 9 " "	72 00
" May E. Brown, " 16 " "	126 00
" Ethel J. Dunakin, " 11 " "	71 50
" Emma G. Pettigrew, " 13 " "	117 00
" Annie F. Blackman, " 28 " "	224 00
" Laura E. Comey, " 16 " "	160 00
" G. H. Danforth, Supt.,	113 34
" Rob't. G. Morse and G. O. Deeg, janitors, (South School),	16 67
" C. E. Morse, janitor, South School,	4 50
" David Daler, " East " "	20 00
" Sadie H. Hamilton, janitor, North School,	19 50
" C. E. Dorr, " West " "	36 00
" Silas Davenport, " Centre " "	59 53

Paid L. M. Monk, Sec'y and Treas.,	25 00
“ H. F. Leonard, Coal,	78 75
“ C. E. Howard, Wood,	86 62
“ J. M. Bullard, “	3 30
“ Solomon Talbot, “	4 00
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	\$3,311 96
Balance, Jan'y 1st, 1889,	\$486 68

INCIDENTALS AND REPAIRS.

Appropriation for 1888,	\$300 00
Overdrawn, Jan'y 1st, 1888,	98 98
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Jordan, Marsh & Co.,	\$20 60
“ L. M. Monk, Stamps and express,	2 01
“ G. M. Coolidge, Painting,	6 00
“ S. H. Morse, Repairs,	4 25
“ W. R. Snow, “	15 61
“ C. E. Hall, Cutting Glass,	50
“ S. M. Howes & Co.,	80
“ Geo. H. Tucker, Repairs,	9 25
“ Canton Journal,	1 50
“ G. H. Danforth,	4 80
“ D. M. Goodrich,	14 60
“ A. L. Felt, Painting,	104 33
“ H. A. Tambllyn, Repairs,	52 61
“ H. L. Naramore, Shingles,	72 30
“ J. M. Bullard, Repairs,	11 15
“ Daniel Weston, Painting,	5 25
“ Silas Davenport, Repairs,	1 50
“ C. E. Howard, “	3 08
“ T. O'Leary, “	2 00

Paid A. A. Carpenter, Express,	2 00
“ L. N. Holmes, “	2 50
“ Mrs. Jensen, cleaning South,	2 00
“ W. K. Hawes, Clock Repairs,	6 00
“ Mrs. Brady, cleaning Centre,	6 00
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	\$350 64
Overdrawn Jan'y 1st, 1889,	\$149 62

TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Balance Jan'y 1st, 1888,	\$10 33
Appropriation,	250 00
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	\$260 33

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Geo. S. Perry,	\$64 97
“ Chas. H. Whiting,	10 00
“ Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	2 10
“ F. M. Ambrose,	5 55
“ Silver, Rogers & Co.,	1 57
“ Millard Small,	6 00
“ Boston School Supply Co.,	81 99
“ John H. Daniels,	6 60
“ Harper Bros.,	11 75
“ Alden & Barron,	9 00
“ D. W. Pettie,	16 40
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	\$215 93
Balance Jan'y 1st, 1889,	\$44 40

